CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

PUBLIC HEARING

Concerning Tentative
Waste Discharge Requirements General Order
For Existing Milk Cow Dairies

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has prepared a tentative General Order that would serve as Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for existing Milk Cow Dairies in the Central Valley Region that the Regional Board will consider for adoption. This Order would apply to most dairies that do not have WDRs at this time. It is expected that most existing individual WDRs for dairies will be rescinded and replaced by this General Order. The Board may limit the applicability of this Order to dairies meeting specific size criteria - for example, it may limit the Order to facilities with more than 300 milk cows.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Regional Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: May 3rd and 4th, 2007

TIME: The Regional Board meeting starts at 8:30 am. The time of the

hearing has not been set.

LOCATION: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Office,

11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova

Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit evidence, if any, or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **23 April 2007**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **23 April 2007** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All interested persons may speak at the Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements General Order should contact Polly Lowry at (916) 464-4601. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Regional Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/tentative/index.html

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting Polly Lowry at (916) 464-4601 or by visiting the Regional Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Parties interested in receiving information on the Regional Board's dairy program may subscribe to an electronic mailing list by going to the following web site: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/reg5_subscribe.html.

The procedures governing Regional Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone who you know would be interested in this matter.

KENNETH D. LANDAU Assistant Executive Officer 23 March 2007